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Employment remained stable in November, both factory weekly wages and personal income reached record high levels and unemployment was up in November, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The number of nonfarm jobs in Connecticut increased by 400 to 1,432,300 last month (page 2). A gain of 2,200 in nonmanufacturing was offset by an 1,800 decline in manufacturing employment. The traditional surge in retail trade jobs for the holiday season appeared more restrained this year. Fifteen labor market areas had monthly employment increases and Danielson recorded a decline (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of production workers set a new high of $325.40 weekly, up from $321.31 in October and $309.12 in November 1980 (page 3). The hourly rate rose 8-cents from the month earlier and the workweek was slightly longer at 41.4 hours. On a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly wages were $7.55 or $302 weekly, a 7.2 percent increase from the same month last year. The highest wages were paid to workers in the Ansonia area, followed by Bristol, Bridgeport and Hartford (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment was estimated at 101,900 or 6.3 percent, up from October's 97,900 or 6.1 (page 4). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, one-tenth of one percent higher at 6.8, continued well below the national rate of 8.4 percent. Unemployment increased in 12 labor markets, declined in three and was unchanged in one.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents set another high in November when other economic indicators were mixed (page 7). The new hire rate in manufacturing and manufacturing output were down slightly and seasonally adjusted weekly claims for unemployment benefits increased.

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The U.S. Department of Labor designated Bridgeport and Seymour as "labor surplus" areas effective December 1, 1981, thus entitling employers in those areas to preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts. Ordinarily the designation is given to an area with an unemployment rate of at least 1.20 times the national average for a 24-month period. This criteria was waived, however, for Bridgeport and Seymour due to sudden and unforseen unemployment increases not reflected in the average unemployment rate during the reference period.

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A 1980 updated report profiling the Connecticut labor force is attached.

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C O N N E C T I C U T N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

November 1981

	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. (R) 1980	% Change Nov. '81 over Oct. '81	% Change Nov. '81 over Nov. '80
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,432,300*	1,431,900*	1,436,800*	+ 0.0**	- 0.3
Manufacturing.....	430,400	432,200*	437,800*	- 0.4	- 1.7
Metallic Manufacturing...	311,800	312,800*	319,900*	- 0.3	- 2.5
Primary Metals.....	20,100	20,200	20,400	- 0.5	- 1.5
Fabricated Metals.....	64,400	64,600	64,800*	- 0.3	- 0.6
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	58,500	59,300	61,100*	- 1.4	- 4.3
Electrical Equipment....	51,900	51,800*	50,500*	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
Transportation Equip....	81,700	81,700	87,900	0.0	- 7.0
Instruments & Clocks....	27,300	27,300	26,800	0.0	+ 1.9
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,900	7,900	8,400	0.0	- 6.0
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	118,600	119,400	117,900*	- 0.7	+ 0.6
Food.....	12,300	12,400	12,800	- 0.8	- 3.9
Textiles.....	8,100	8,100	7,900	0.0	+ 2.5
Apparel.....	11,800	11,900	10,900	- 0.8	+ 8.3
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,400	6,600	6,900	- 3.0	- 7.2
Paper.....	9,900	9,800	9,600	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Printing & Publishing...	24,700	24,600	24,100	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Chemicals.....	19,200	19,300	18,400	- 0.5	+ 4.4
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	12,800	13,100	14,000*	- 2.3	- 8.6
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	13,400	13,600	13,300	- 1.5	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,001,900*	999,700*	999,000*	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Construction.....	52,100	52,400*	50,200	- 0.6	+ 3.8
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	30,900	31,100	32,500	- 0.6	- 4.9
Communications.....	18,400	18,400	18,100	0.0	+ 1.7
Utilities.....	11,300	11,100	10,900	+ 1.8	+ 3.7
Trade.....	302,000	299,700	305,600*	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Wholesale.....	75,400	75,000	74,900*	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Retail.....	159,900	157,700	165,200	+ 1.4	- 3.2
Restaurants.....	66,700	67,000	65,500	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Finance & Real Estate...	47,900	47,600	45,500	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
Insurance.....	62,500	62,600	60,400	- 0.2	+ 3.5
Service.....	299,400	299,600	291,500	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Hotels.....	5,500	5,600	6,000	- 1.8	- 8.3
Laundries & Pers. Serv.	14,100	14,000	13,900	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Business Services.....	62,000	61,800	57,400	+ 0.3	+ 8.0
Health Services.....	99,800*	99,600	96,700	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Law & Professional.....	20,800	20,700	20,200	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Educational Services...	28,200	28,200	30,400	0.0	- 7.2
Other Services.....	69,000	69,700	66,900	- 1.0	+ 3.1
Government.....	177,400	177,200	184,300	+ 0.1	- 3.7
Federal.....	21,600	21,600	21,500	0.0	+ 0.5
State & Local.....	155,800	155,600	162,800	+ 0.1	- 4.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.5 percent
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - NOVEMBER 1981

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$325.40	$321.31	$309.12	41.4	41.3	42.0	$7.86	$7.78	$7.36
Metallic Manufacturing.....	338.16	334.02	321.72	41.8	41.7	42.5	8.09	8.01	7.57
Primary Metals.....	373.68	375.80	335.20	43.1	43.8	41.9	8.67	8.58	8.00
Fabricated Metals.....	304.72	306.91	289.59	41.8	42.1	42.4	7.29	7.29	6.83
Machinery.....	369.80	359.98	349.31	42.9	42.5	43.5	8.62	8.47	8.03
Electrical Equipment.....	271.32	271.17	247.46	40.8	40.9	40.5	6.65	6.63	6.11
Transportation Equipment..	397.55	383.04	380.57	40.9	39.9	43.1	9.72	9.60	8.83
Instruments and Clocks....	315.49	318.28	298.28	43.1	43.6	43.8	7.32	7.30	6.81
Other Metallic Mfg.....	279.89	278.81	256.63	41.9	41.8	40.8	6.68	6.67	6.29
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	289.52	287.43	274.86	40.1	40.2	40.6	7.22	7.15	6.77
Food.....	301.25	302.74	301.07	40.6	40.8	41.7	7.42	7.42	7.22
Textiles.....	235.98	242.40	215.44	39.2	40.4	39.1	6.02	6.00	5.51
Apparel.....	186.32	184.57	169.20	35.9	35.7	36.0	5.19	5.17	4.70
Lumber & Furniture.....	239.00	239.98	227.05	39.9	40.4	40.4	5.99	5.94	5.62
Paper.....	366.57	368.34	341.71	45.2	45.7	45.5	8.11	8.06	7.51
Printing and Publishing...	292.56	288.88	276.72	36.8	36.2	37.7	7.95	7.98	7.34
Chemicals.....	363.96	356.12	341.51	41.5	41.7	41.8	8.77	8.54	8.17
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	276.34	269.53	277.12	41.0	40.9	41.3	6.74	6.59	6.71
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	315.14	313.22	296.96	42.3	42.1	43.1	7.45	7.44	6.89
Construction.....	463.51	454.48	467.60	37.2	36.8	40.0	12.46	12.35	11.69

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	Nov. 1981 Number	Nov. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. 1981 Number	Oct. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov.1980(R) Number	Nov.1980(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	101,900	6.3	97,900	6.1	88,200	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(6.8)		(6.7)		(6.0)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,300	8.1	1,500	9.0	1,300	7.9
Bridgeport.....	12,200	6.2	12,300	6.3	11,300	5.6
Bristol.....	3,400	9.4	3,200	8.9	3,000	8.1
Danbury.....	5,300	5.7	5,500	6.0	4,800	5.3
Danielson.....	3,100	10.6	2,700	9.3	2,600	8.9
Hartford.....	23,400	6.0	22,400	5.8	18,800	4.8
Meriden.....	2,800	10.3	2,400	8.9	2,000	7.7
Middletown.....	3,600	6.0	3,400	5.7	2,700	4.6
New Britain.....	5,700	7.2	5,300	6.8	4,000	5.1
New Haven.....	13,400	6.6	13,100	6.5	13,100	6.3
New London-Norwich.....	6,500	6.2	6,500	6.1	5,600	5.3
Norwalk.....	3,700	4.9	3,200	4.2	3,200	4.3
Stamford.....	4,700	3.9	4,700	3.9	4,300	3.6
Torrington.....	3,300	8.1	3,100	7.8	2,800	6.7
Waterbury.....	8,200	7.6	7,400	6.9	7,500	6.9
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.1	1,200	4.9	1,200	4.5
U.S.Total-Actual.....	8,470,000	7.9	8,024,000	7.5	7,486,000	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(8.4)		(8.0)		(7.5)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Nov. '81	Oct. '81	Nov. '80
All Items.....	280.7	279.9	256.2
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 9.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Nov.'81	Oct.'81	Nov.'80 (R)	Percent Change to November'81 from: Oct.'81	Nov.'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,520	8,480	8,730	+ 0.5	- 2.4
Manufacturing	3,050	3,040	3,230	+ 0.3	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	5,470	5,440	5,500	+ 0.6	- 0.5
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	174,760	173,970*	174,330	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	66,730	66,870*	64,860	- 0.2	+ 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	108,030	107,100	109,470	+ 0.9	- 1.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,640	23,620	23,710	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Manufacturing	9,850	9,860	10,290	- 0.1	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	13,790	13,760	13,420	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,760	66,470	65,690*	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	21,640	21,680	21,700*	- 0.2	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	45,120	44,790	43,990	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,990	20,210	19,830	- 1.1	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	9,070	9,280	8,980	- 2.3	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	10,920	10,930	10,850	- 0.1	+ 0.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	403,260	401,720*	405,010*	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Manufacturing	94,650	94,820*	99,580*	- 0.2	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	308,610	306,900*	305,430	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,770*	21,720 (R)	21,630	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	5,810	5,720 (R)	5,930	+ 1.6	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	15,960*	16,000	15,700	- 0.3	+ 1.7
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,670	46,630	47,430*	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Manufacturing	15,050	15,200	16,010	- 1.0	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	31,620	31,430	31,420*	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,560	66,530	65,230*	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	29,330	29,490	29,140*	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	37,230	37,040	36,090	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	194,220*	193,970	195,700*	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Manufacturing	38,800*	38,900	41,870	- 0.3	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	155,420	155,070	153,830*	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	93,890*	93,800*	93,650	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	34,640	34,670*	35,420	- 0.1	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	59,250*	59,130*	58,230	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,210	64,160	63,120	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	21,620	21,640	20,910	- 0.1	+ 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	42,590	42,520	42,210	+ 0.2	+ 0.9

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Nov.'81	Oct.'81	Nov.'80(R)	Percent Change to November'81 from: Oct.'81	Nov.'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,850	111,350	109,670	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	31,110	31,000	31,730	+ 0.4	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	80,740	80,350	77,940	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	29,080	29,050	29,590	+ 0.1	- 1.7
Manufacturing	10,380	10,260	10,420	+ 1.2	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,700	18,790	19,170	- 0.5	- 2.5
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	89,480	89,160	88,750	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	33,180	33,220	32,890	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	56,300	55,940	55,860	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,360	20,160	20,350	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	2,970	2,940	2,930	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	17,390	17,220	17,420	+ 1.0	- 0.2

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - NOVEMBER 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980
Ansonia	$381.45	376.66	343.44	44.2	43.9	42.4	$8.63	$8.58	$8.10
Bridgeport	344.16	339.20	323.57	42.7	42.4	42.8	8.06	8.00	7.56
Bristol	352.74	357.29	333.66	39.5	40.1	40.2	8.93	8.91	8.30
Danbury	315.19	317.12	300.59	43.0	43.5	44.4	7.33	7.29	6.77
Danielson	252.59	254.39	236.37	37.2	37.8	37.4	6.79	6.73	6.32
Hartford	342.37	336.61	330.72	41.2	40.9	42.4	8.31	8.23	7.80
Meriden	303.58	288.40	252.85	43.0	41.2	38.9	7.06	7.00	6.50
Middletown	337.79	328.35	328.97	40.6	39.8	41.8	8.32	8.25	7.87
New Britain	331.06	332.06	323.79	41.8	42.3	43.0	7.92	7.85	7.53
New Haven	304.50	300.60	282.91	39.7	39.5	40.3	7.67	7.61	7.02
New London-Norwich	332.11	325.21	316.76	40.6	40.1	41.9	8.18	8.11	7.56
Norwalk	333.76	321.90	313.15	44.8	43.5	44.8	7.45	7.40	6.99
Stamford	299.88	300.12	285.65	40.8	41.0	41.1	7.35	7.32	6.95
Torrington	241.40	235.42	230.11	40.3	39.5	40.3	5.99	5.96	5.71
Waterbury	268.21	273.19	259.36	41.2	41.9	41.9	6.51	6.52	6.19
Willimantic	263.92	256.62	263.12	42.5	42.0	44.0	6.21	6.11	5.98

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6	1425.5	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9	1424.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8	1416.5	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6	1424.9	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0	1420.6	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1	1417.6	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9	1421.7	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8	1424.1	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6	1426.0	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5	1.5	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.4	1.6	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....	1441.4	1430.0	1.7	1.5	3941	5282	5.3	5.8
Jun....	1450.6	1425.0	2.2	1.8	5786	6582	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1427.9	1436.5	1.4	1.5	8374	5389	6.3	6.1
Aug....	1419.3	1433.6	1.9	1.6	5877	6154	6.3	6.5
Sep....	1432.3	1428.0	1.8	1.5	3896	6194	6.0	6.7
Oct....	1431.9	1424.8	1.3	1.2	4729	6814	6.1	6.7
Nov....	1432.3	1419.5	1.0 (P)	1.1 (P)	5751	7392	6.3	6.8
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....	2906.6	9161	8328	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	2923.3	9387	7868	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.0
Jul....	2943.5	9219	8335	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.1
Aug....	2966.9	9888	8908	41.3	41.8	104.7	118.3
Sep....	2977.0	8120	10025	41.0	41.1	119.3	117.2
Oct....	2987.1	8742	8216	41.3	41.2	119.2	116.6
Nov....	3007.3	8694	10854	41.4	40.9	118.8	114.8
Dec....							

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A PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT

The data presented on the following pages is taken from unpublished tabulations made available by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics from state level summaries developed through the nationwide Current Population Survey. This data, which is furnished in the form of annual averages, represents for many small states like Connecticut the only current information available on labor force participation and unemployment by race and sex. It is expected that the Bureau will shortly publish this data for all states in a Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment - 1980.

Based on this data, and on average for the year, the Connecticut labor force grew by 35,000 persons between the years 1979 and 1980 with the greater part of the growth taking place in employment (20,000). The civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over increased by 28,000 and the statewide labor force participation rate increased to 67.7 percent of the working age population, up from 67.0 percent in 1979. Unemployment in Connecticut rose by 14,000 as compared with a rise of 2,000 from 1978 to 1979, but because of the increase in the labor force the unemployment rate increased by only eight tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent of the civilian labor force.

An analysis of occupational distribution in Connecticut reveals that almost sixty percent of the state's workers held white collar jobs and the largest single occupational category was that of professional and technical workers employing 20.2 percent of the working labor force. Slightly less than half of the blue collar workers held highly skilled jobs as craft and kindred workers, while a somewhat lesser proportion were classed as operatives.

The largest number of working women was still employed in clerical occupations (34.4 percent) but employment of women in the managers and administrators category grew from 5.1 percent to 6.5 percent from 1979 to 1980. This compares with the male rate in the same category of 17.1 percent in 1980 which grew by 1.7 percentage points over the year.

Some progress was made by black workers in moving up the occupational ladder to higher paying jobs. In 1979, 16.7 percent of the black workforce was employed in professional and technical work; in 1980 17.4 percent held these jobs. In the managers and administrators category, however, their numbers actually declined by one percentage point during the year to 5.2 percent.

The employment situation among the state's youth continued relatively bleak. Even with 4,000 fewer participants in the labor force in 1980 in the 16-19 age cohort, that group's unemployment rate rose from 14.9 percent of the labor force in 1979 to 17.5 percent in 1980. An estimated 7,000 fewer youths were at work in 1980 than one year earlier.

Overall unemployment in Connecticut moved upward from 5.1 percent of the labor force in 1979 to 5.9 percent in 1980. Blacks in each age and sex cohort had significantly higher rates of unemployment than their white counterparts, with only one group, black women, 20 years and over, recording an unemployment rate approaching that of their white counterparts. A positive aspect of the 1980 statistics, however, is that all reported age cohorts of black workers posted decreases of at least three percentage points in their unemployment rates from 1979 while rates for the total population consistently rose. These data for the black population should be reviewed with some caution, however, due to the small size of some of the sampling subgroups. Sample size is also the chief reason these data are only published yearly as annual averages.

TABLE I
CONNECTICUT
LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
16 YEARS AND OVER BY SEX, AGE, AND RACE
1979-1980 ANNUAL AVERAGES
(Numbers in Thousands)

	Civilian Noninstitutional Population (16 years and over)		Civilian Labor Force				Employment		Unemployment			
			Number		Participation Rate		Number		Number		Rate	
	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979
TOTAL	2,386	2,358	1,616	1,581	67.7	67.0	1,520	1,500	95	81	5.9	5.1
Men	1,116	1,113	905	887	81.1	79.7	858	848	47	39	5.2	4.3
Women	1,270	1,245	711	694	56.0	55.7	662	652	49	42	6.8	6.1
Men (20 Years and Over)	1,014	990	836	807	82.4	81.5	799	779	36	27	4.4	3.3
Women (20 Years and Over)	1,136	1,129	630	621	55.5	55.0	597	589	33	31	5.2	5.0
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	236	239	150	154	63.5	64.4	124	131	26	23	17.5	14.9
WHITE	2,238	2,210	1,511	1,476	67.5	66.8	1,427	1,411	84	66	5.5	4.5
Men	1,050	1,051	853	838	81.2	79.7	812	807	41	31	4.7	3.7
Women	1,188	1,159	658	638	55.4	55.0	615	603	43	35	6.5	5.4
Men (20 Years and Over)	956	942	788	765	82.5	81.2	756	743	32	22	4.1	2.9
Women (20 Years and Over)	1,067	1,053	583	569	54.6	54.0	553	543	30	25	5.1	4.4
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	215	215	140	143	65.0	66.5	118	124	22	19	15.5	13.3
BLACK AND OTHER	148	148	105	104	70.7	70.3	93	89	12	15	11.3	14.3
Men	66	62	52	48	78.4	77.4	45	41	6	7	12.3	15.3
Women	82	86	53	56	64.5	65.1	47	48	5	7	10.4	13.4
Men (20 Years and Over)	58	INA	48	INA	81.9	INA	43	INA	4	INA	8.9	INA
Women (20 Years and Over)	69	76	47	52	68.2	68.4	44	46	3	6	6.5	11.5
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

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Source: Data for 1979 were taken from the Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment: States 1979, BLS Report 619 and 1980 data were taken from draft tables from the 1980 Geographic Profile tables 1, 4, and 5.

TABLE II

CONNECTICUT
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE EXPERIENCED LABOR FORCE
OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION BY SEX AND RACE
1980 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Number Employed (in 000's)	Number Unemployed (in 000's)	Unemployment Rate	----Percent Distribution of the Employed---- Total	White	Black	Male	Female
TOTAL	1,520	82	5.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-Collar Workers - Total	888	30	3.3	58.4	59.3	44.0	51.2	67.8
Professional and Technical	307	7	2.2	20.2	20.3	17.4	20.8	19.3
Managers and Administrators	190	3	1.5	12.5	13.0	5.2	17.1	6.5
Sales Workers	108	6	5.3	7.1	7.4	2.9	6.7	7.6
Clerical Workers	283	13	4.4	18.6	18.6	18.5	6.5	34.4
Blue-Collar Workers - Total	450	35	7.2	29.6	29.3	34.0	40.0	16.1
Craft and Kindred Workers	208	12	5.5	13.7	13.8	12.5	22.5	2.3
Operatives	161	14	8.0	10.6	10.2	16.3	9.2	12.5
Transp. Equip. Operatives	36	INA	INA	2.4	2.3	3.4	3.7	0.6
Nonfarm Laborers	44	8	15.4	2.9	3.0	1.8	4.6	0.8
Service Workers	178	15	7.8	11.7	11.1	22.0	8.4	16.0
Farm Workers	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

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